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CONGRATULATIONS KBIC GRADUATES, CLASS OF 2009



Left to right (front row) — Ashtin Koski, Jessica Bianco, Brenda Malmgren, Amber Geroux, (back row) — Daniel Perrault, Ashley Shalifoe, Robert Voakes, Janell Bianco, Tammy Shalifoe. Missing from photo — Justine Minton.

The Keweenaw Bay Tribal Education Committee held their Annual Senior Banquet on Friday, June 5, 2009, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room. Ten KBIC students were honored for earning their high school diplomas. Terri Denomie, Chairman of the Education Committee, hosted the event with the assistance of Robin Roe (opening prayer), William "Chill" Seppanen, Sr. (introduction of the guest speaker), Vicki Emery and Dawn Alexander (presentation of certificates). President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. gave the Council address and presented the graduates with a monetary gift on behalf of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Charles Loonsfoot, Jr. and Dawn Alexander presented the graduates with gifts on behalf of the KBIC Education Com-

mittee. Ronald Spruce, Vice President of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens, presented the graduates with a monetary gift on behalf of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens. Beverly Lussier, Geraldine Mantila, and Evelyn Ravindran presented the graduates with gifts on behalf of the KBIC Cultural Committee. Cherie Dakota was the evening's guest speaker. Cherie is a graduate of Dearborn High School. She attended Henry Ford Community College and Wayne State University where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. She received her Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Michigan. Cherie has been a college instructor, has worked with Even Start and the Early Head Start Programs for BHK Child Development as a Family Services Coordinator, has been employed as the Director of KBIC Social Services, New Day Treatment Center Administrator, and the Director for the KBIC Health Department. Currently, Cherie is employed at the Ojibwa Community College as the Dean of Student Services. Cherie volunteers as a member of the Baraga Fire Department Auxiliary, Baraga School's BEST Parent Group, MSU Extension Board, Baraga County Shelter Home Board, Michigan Department of Human Services Board and has recently joined the Baraga Lumberjack Committee. Before her employment with OCC, she was a member of the Board of Regents. Now, even with all this public experience, Cherie contemplated about what she would say to these graduates. Should she talk about college or graduate school; she just couldn't come up with a topic, so decided she needed some help. Cherie decided to go to the doctor. Some people go to the doctor when they are sick, and some go to the doctor when they want to stay well. Cherie stated



2009 Senior Banquet Speaker, Cherie Dakota.

Tribal Council Members:

Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
 Susan J. LaFernier, Vice-President
 Toni Minton, Secretary
 William E. Emery, Asst. Secretary
 Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer
 Elizabeth D. Mayo
 Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.
 Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews
 Jerry Lee Curtis
 Frederick Dakota
 Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.
 Isabelle H. Welsh



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **KBIC Graduates**
- **June 6, 2009, Tribal Council meeting**
- **Older Than America Premieres in Marquette**
- **Thirty-one attend DEFY Camp**
- **Miss Keweenaw Bay Candidates**
- **Historical Documents Recovered**
- **Ojibwa Housing Authority News**
- **Our Deepest Sympathy**
- **New Employees**
- **Ojibwemowin**



Georgina Lightning, Director of "Older Than America" the night of the premiere held in Marquette, Michigan, June 6, 2009. (Continued on page two.)

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KBIC SPONSORS "OLDER THAN AMERICA" PREMIERE



Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., KBIC's Ojibwemowin Language Coordinator, organized the premiere, shown with director and film star Georgina Lightning.

The premiere of *Older Than America* was held on Saturday evening, June 6th at Jamrich Hall at Northern Michigan University. The screening was free and open to the public and was sponsored by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the NMU Center for Native American Studies. Nearly 400 were in attendance for the movie premiere which features: Adam Beach, Tantoo Cardinal, Georgina Lightning and Wes Studi.

Georgina Lightning's directorial debut, *Older Than America*, was inspired by stories told to her by family members and friends who attend the Indian boarding schools. The movie is a very touching story and was very well directed. Georgina Lightning has outdone herself not only as a talented actress, but in this first movie she wrote and directed. Kudos!

If you ever get an opportunity to view *Older Than America* make sure you cash in on the opportunity, you definitely won't be sorry. This movie is a must see.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES, MAY 25, 2009, PINERY CEMETERY



Pictures are from Memorial Day Service at the Pinery Cemetery after the fire. Services were held by the American Legion Post 444 of Baraga, with Rev. John Henry, KBIC Veterans and the KBIC Beartown Firefighters participating. Notice the pines are scorched in the background and the land behind is burnt.

After the service, a feast was held which was organized by the KBIC Cultural Committee. Spirit dishes with tobacco and food were prepared and placed near the spirit house graves by the firefighters.



Letter to the Editor:

The U.P premiere of *Older Than America* was a huge success. Actress/Director, Georgina Lightning attended the screening held at NMU's Jamrich Hall as well as a pot-luck feast at the KBIC Community Building in Harvey, MI, this past weekend. She informed me that she was very impressed and very appreciative of everything we have done to make her feel welcome here in the U.P. There were about fifty people at the feast and around four hundred in attendance for the movie screening.

I would like to personally thank everyone who helped make this event a success: KBIC Tribal Council, April Lindala and NMU's Center for Native American Studies, Lori Muhlig and MTU's Outreach program, Gerry Mantilla and the KBIC Cultural Committee, WLUC TV6, Eagle Radio, Lauri Denomie of the "Giikendaam Chiwiikwegamag", The Eagles Nest Restaurant and staff, The Four Thunders Drum, Eddie Edwards and the staff of O.H.A, Philomena Ekdahl and the KBIC Senior Citizens, Liana Loonsfoot, Toni Minton, Peggy Minton, Doreen Blaker, Jeanne Kauppila, Joe Kirkish, Loretta Hugo, Diana Carlson, Carrie Ashbrook, Barb Bradley and Tammy Seymour. If I left anybody out, please forgive me. There was a mad scramble to organize the pot luck feast. Volunteers from the KBIC communities in both Baraga and Marquette stepped forward to make everything come together at the last minute. Without these people and the organizations involved, this surely would have not been possible. Chi-miigwetch izhi-akina!

Sincerely,
Gary Loonsfoot, Jr.
KBIC Language Coordinator 06/08/09

THIRTY-ONE YOUTH PARTICIPATE IN DEFY CAMP



Drug Education For Youth (DEFY) is a self-esteem building program that provides kids with the tools they need to resist drugs, gangs and alcohol.

DEFY focuses on building youngsters' self-image and setting goals. It stresses interpersonal relations, and emphasizes leadership and teamwork. Along the way it raises awareness of the harmful effects of alcohol and other drugs, as well as the dangerous effects of peer pressure to join gangs. The structured curriculum offers education, skill development and physical fitness. DEFY is all about creating positive experiences so that kids will choose healthy alternatives instead of substance abuse and gang involvement.

This year, 31 kids participated in the KBIC DEFY summer camp. The kids learned life skills that will help them make positive decisions when put into difficult situations. The kids also had an opportunity to participate in team activities, shoot paintball guns at stationary targets and take a tour and boat ride on the KBIC Tribal Conservation Boat.

Chris Gerard, Weed & Seed Coordinator states, "Thank you to Drug Demand Reduction Division of the DEA and U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Attorney's Office (Grand Rapids and Marquette) and the KBIC Tribal Police and Conservation Departments for allowing members of their departments to attend camp and teach the kids these important life skills."

June 6, 2009 — Tribal Council Meeting

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on June 6, 2009, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room in Baraga, Michigan. Warren C. Swartz, Jr. presided over the meeting with Susan LaFernier, Toni Minton, William E. Emery, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, and Isabelle Helene Welsh present. President Swartz shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council.

Warren (Chris) Swartz gave a President's report for May 2009. A luncheon was held in honor of KBIC nurses for National Nurses week. Each received a certificate of appreciation.

As May was National Foster Parent Month, President Swartz attended a banquet to celebrate and honor foster parents held at the Ramada Inn in Hancock, MI. The program included musical selections, recognition awards and an excellent speech was given by KBIC member, Lori Muhlig.

President Swartz attended the Ojibwa Community College graduation ceremonies. Later in the month, President Swartz attended a meeting with the Ojibwa Community College Board of Regents to discuss amongst other things, ways to seek other funding opportunities to help support the college.

President Swartz participated in an oral interview with Elle Andrews for a Tribal Historical Preservation Office project.

President Swartz met with HUD officials who were visiting KBIC to view compliance with the rules and regulations of the ICDBG grants.

President Swartz met with personnel of prospective companies regarding economic development opportunities for the Community. More information will be made available on this possible opportunity in the near future. The Economic Development Committee will be reviewing the Keweenaw Bay Economic Tribal Development Ordinance within a set 90-day time frame. Members with education and experience in this field are being utilized.

The SMART office has approved the Community's request for an extension. This one-year extension will allow the Community additional time to comply with the minimum requirements of Title I of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act, the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act.

President Swartz attended a meeting with the Baraga County Human Resource Council who has identified a need for Faith based members. Discussion evolved around what we, as a community, can do to improve the quality of life for our children.

President Swartz attended a meeting for KBIC with the United States Attorney and his staff from the Western District of Michigan. They discussed issues of concern, heard case updates, training opportunities and identified training needs. Over 20 persons attended the meeting including Treasurer Misegan, Council members Jerry Lee Curtis and Isabelle Welsh, and numerous Community department heads.

President Swartz attended a meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers to discuss the Community's view on the proposed permit applications by Lenore Smith, Blue Forest Timber, and Kelhart Marine Technologies regarding the submerged log recovery application. The applicants propose to lift logs currently resting on the lake bottom. KBIC believes the corps should deny the applications because the proposed log removal activities will cause destruction of rare and important habitat for fish, and it will cause buried contaminated sediments to be exposed and re-suspended in the water. It is believed that disturbing these logs will cause MDEQ water quality criteria to

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be exceeded for both copper and mercury in at least the study area, which includes the drinking water intake for the Village of Baraga and the Indian Community of Zeba. It is also noted to the Corps that Tribal members do exercise fishing treaty rights in the areas proposed for recovery of submerged logs in Keweenaw and Huron Bays. Vice President LaFernier, Tribal Attorney Baker, and Natural Resources Director Warner participated in the meeting. Participating in the meeting on behalf of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers were Lieutenant Colonel James B. Davis, District Commander, Assistant District Counsel, Gary Segrest, District Archaeologist and Tribal Liaison, Karen Krepps, and from the Marquette Regulatory field office, Jean Battle. They heard about the Regulatory Program and what the Corps regulate. KBIC discussed Tribal concerns and the Community's projects including Roubillard Creek, Baraga Transportation Corridor and the Deep Water Port Project.

President Swartz participated in a government to government meeting with the National Indian Gaming Commission held at Mystic Lake, MN. The Commission wanted to hear from Tribes and discuss comments, questions, concerns and recommendations regarding: Gaming regulatory issues of concern to the Tribe; training and technical assistance needs and the NIGC training catalog; proposed revisions to licensing and background investigation regulations, including adoption of portions of the "Pilot Program" that streamline submission requirements regarding investigative reports; recent clarification of Class II technical standards and grandfathering of existing equipment; alignment of NIGC's Regions and staffing of Regional offices, etc.

On May 20th, at approximately 4:45 p.m. the Pinery Fire was reported to local fire agencies. This fire occurred on a red flag day and consumed 685 acres around the Pinery Lake area and Linden Creek. The fire has been investigated. The fire burned over the Pinery Cemetery and one seasonal-use trailer. Agencies that responded to the fire were: L'Anse, Baraga, Aura, Arvon, and Bear Town Fire Departments; Ottawa, Hiawatha, Huron Manistee and Superior National Forests, Michigan DNR, USFWS Seney National Wildlife Refuge, Bureau of Indian Affairs Michigan Agency and BIA Midwest Regional Office. Recognizing the potential for post-fire impacts on critical values, the Michigan Agency contacted the Midwest Regional Office on Tuesday May 26th, to request assistance with Emergency Stabilization planning. After conducting the initial assessment of Emergency Stabilization-related issues and values, it was decided to form a BAER Team from qualified local staff from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Michigan Agency Branch of Forestry, Midwest Regional Office, and NIFC. The following Emergency Stabilization treatments were recommended for Tribal lands: Cultural Resource Protection, Invasive Species Control—Treatment and Monitoring, Water Quality Protection, and Watershed Slope Stabilization. The team also recommended designating or hiring an Implementation Leader as soon as possible to ensure treatments are initiated in a timely manner. Will Wiggins was chosen as the Implementation Leader.

Susan LaFernier gave the Vice President's Report. On May 15th, Vice President LaFernier, Treasurer Misegan and Council member Curtis enjoyed presenting gifts to eighteen KBIC Headstart Graduates.

Thank you to the departments, committees, helpers, and to Jennifer Misegan for the very informative Parental Awareness Seminar and Dinner held on May 12th. Great information was shared regarding drug awareness, teen dating violence, and internet safety.

The Council began to review the 30+ page Comprehensive Plan document for accomplishments and revisions on March 19th and June 4th. After much discussion, only six-

seven pages have been reviewed. Council will now try to schedule time every week to complete the review. It will then be presented to the Department heads and the Community for input. This is a very important document for the entire Community's goals of today and the future.

We have not yet been informed of a decision from the administrative hearing officer in our contested case hearing regarding the mining permits for the Yellow Dog Plains.

The Humboldt Mill application proposed decision has been deferred until June 17th, by the DEQ. They will then announce a time and place for the public hearing to be held on the permit applications.

We received disappointing news in May about the petition to list the coaster brook trout on the endangered species list. The request was not approved and is not eligible because the coasters are not genetically distinct from other brook trout.

Vice Chairman reminded everyone to please continue to call/write your elected officials and tell them that the short term benefits of sulfide mining are not worth the harmful long term effects on our health, rivers, Great Lakes, and wild places because of the great potential for acid mine drainage.

We all need to commit to do our part to make a difference to protect our environment and change the world. I hope that you have been learning how to save and conserve energy to protect our Earth if you are able. There are also everyday measures we can do to reduce air pollution, conserve water, reduce/reuse/recycle/re-buy materials, and prevent pollution in general. Every month is "Energy Awareness Month," and our theme for the year will be a "Commit to Conserve" Campaign.

Toni Minton presented the Secretary's Report. During the month of May 2009, the Tribal Council had one regular meeting and five special meetings. The regular Tribal Council meeting was held on May 2, 2009, and is reported in the June 2009 Tribal Newsletter. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on May 7, 2009: approved the following Resolutions — KB1670-2009 Waiving Consideration on home site leases that will have nominal rent; KB1673-2009 Joe LaFernier Recreational Lease, KB1674-2009 Tanya Miller Residential Lease Modification, KB1675-2009 Russell Kinnunen Residential Lease Modification, KB1676-2009 Mary Walker Residential Lease Modification; KB1678-2009 Suzanne Jondreau Residential Lease Modification; approved the bid of UP Engineers for Land Use Planning; approved the bid from Copper Country Ford in the amount of \$22,516 for a van for the KBIC Youth; approved two motel rooms for two nights for the Lumberjack Days Committee for their Lumberjack Show; approved the walleye rearing and stocking plan; approved curbside Spring Clean-up for 2009; approved the purchase of a copier from the Office Planning Group in the amount of \$9,463 for the Baraga Casino; agreed to move forward with the Title IV-E Grant Application for Social Services; upheld the General Manager's decision in Grievance Hearing case #009-09; overturned the Manager's decision in Grievance Hearing case #010-09 and agreed to remove the five-day suspension from the employee's file and to give back pay and annual/sick leave that would have accrued; reinstated the employee in Grievance Hearing case #011-09 and to give the employee 80 hours of back pay. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on May 8, 2009: approved Committee appointments; agreed to schedule meetings every Thursday; approved \$15,469 for the BIA Budgets for consolidated tribal programs; approved the salary of the Interim General Manager; approved the Services Agreement with Dale Schmeisser for the Diabetes Program; approved the Services Agreement

with Rose Trudeau for the Pane Immersion Program; approved the Services Agreement with Peggy Minton for THPO transcribing; and approved the KBIC and Hannahville WIC agreement. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on May 14, 2009: approved meeting minutes of February 6, 7, and 17, 2009; changed the scheduled clear-cut in the Industrial Park to a selective cut; approved Resolution KB1679-2009 Turpeinen Acquisition of 160 acres; waived the business license fee and approved an alcoholic beverage license application for the Baraga Fire Department for the May 30th Mud Drag; approved the purchase of a Ford Taurus for the Tribal Center Fleet from Copper Country Ford in the amount of \$19,500; added Dickinson County to the Emergency Fund Program; agreed to continue with the First Lease Amendment of Olympic Steel; approved the Services Agreements with Mindy Lantz and Ronda Dowd for the Substance Abuse Program; and approved the budget modification for the Economic Developer for the feasibility study for a new gas station. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on May 21, 2009: approved meeting minutes of May 2 and 6, 2006; approved Resolution KB1680-2009 Forest Development Plan; approved the purchase of a 2009 Ford Taurus for the Tribal Center Fleet from Thomas Ford in the amount of \$20,983 (due to the sale by the dealer of the prior car approved); approved Ojibwa Housing Authority's application for a RHED grant; approved Resolution KB1682-2009 Baraga 2%; approved Resolution KB1683-2009 Marquette 2%; approved \$300 for Tribal member request KB-15-09; and moved the July 4th, Regular Council meeting to July 11, 2009. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on May 28, 2009: approved meeting minutes of February 19, 2009, March 2, 2009, and March 3, 2009; approved an additional \$435.25 for the Commodity Foods refrigerated truck purchase; agreed to move forward with drafting drug free workplace and computer use policy amendments; approved additional funds in the amount of \$2,635.98 for the Ojibwa Seniors for their MIEA Conference expenses; approved the following Resolutions — KB1681-2009 Miller Acquisition, KB1684-2009 Mark Misegan Residential Lease; KB1685-2009 Requesting the KBOCC be named in the Land Grant Status Act of 1994; appointed Joe Brazeau to a one-year term as Building Inspector; amended the sick leave policies of the government and casinos to include grandchildren, step-parents, step-brothers, step-sisters, aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews to the list of immediate family; approved the business license renewal of Tim Mayo for All Purpose Drywall; approved the May donations of \$500 to the Baraga Girls Varsity Basketball team for attending a camp, \$500 to the National Indian Education Association for their 40th Annual Convention and \$250 to the Baraga High School Committee to Promote Alcohol Awareness for alcohol free graduation parties; ratified the lease agreement between KBIC and Peter Magaraggia; agreed to seek additional ICDBG funding for the Early Childhood Education Center; and agreed not to offset the Baraga Casino 8% payment. Secretary Minton, Council member Matthews, and Language Coordinator Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., attended the National Native Language Revitalization Summit in Washington, D.C. on May 11-13th. Matthews and Minton toured the National Anthropological Archives and Loonsfoot toured the Library of Congress. They listened to two World War II Code Talkers speak, who were also honored. They attended sessions on Organizing Immersion Schools, a Fund Raising Training Session, Strategies for Revitalizing Language with small populations, and a Master Apprentice Method Workshop. Matthews and Minton met with Kim Teehee, Director of the Native American Caucus, who is a

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resources Department

If you're burning garbage, you may be making poison!



Burning garbage such as packaging, plastic, fabrics, PVC, painted or treated woods, food scraps, batteries, or even newspapers and junk mail releases many pollutants into the environment, including dioxins. Pollutants released settle on our fields, woods, water and soils and may accumulate in the foods we eat and the foods that wildlife eat, ending up in our bodies or theirs.

The use of burn barrels, stoves and fire pits to dispose of household garbage is one of the greatest sources of dioxin emissions in the United States, according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency. A family of four burning their garbage could emit as much dioxin as a municipal waste incinerator that serves thousands of people, due to the lack of pollution controls and lower temperature burning in a burn barrel.

Dioxin is a toxic chemical that accumulates in the food chain

and can cause serious health problems for children and adults including cancer, the breakdown of the immune systems, reproductive disorders, genetic alterations, permanent regulatory hormone changes and other such problems. Dioxin impacts to fish and wildlife are often similar, resulting in disrupted or breakdown in the ability to reproduce, early life stage mortalities, hormone level changes, and other negative health impacts.

Burning garbage affects your health, other area residents, and the area natural resources and environment more than most people realize. We recommend disposing of trash the safe manner. Recycle newsprint, plastics, glass, office paper and pasteboard. Compost organic waste such as vegetable scraps, leaves and grass clippings and add the compost to your lawn or garden. Look for products with less packaging and buy only what you need. Call your local garbage hauler for service options, or bring your waste to your local transfer station.

Proper waste disposal through recycling or land fill is always preferable to burning. Proper disposal will help keep toxins out of our local environment, out of our local food supplies, and help support healthy fish and wildlife populations.

Remember, it's better not to burn! For more information contact the Natural Resources Department at (906) 524-5757.



KBIC WOMENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Advisory committee committed to working with the KBIC to end domestic violence and sexual assault crimes on our Reservation. The committee has played a significant role and worked as a team in developing the applications for the Office on Violence Against Women Grant and Recovery Act funding. They will also play an active role in developing and implementing the projects if funded. Outside of the grant, these strong and determined Native American Women will continue searching for resources and ideas to combat violence and assault on our Reservation, volunteering to talk with and comfort survivors as needed, and recruit other Native Tribal Member Women Survivors or concerned citizens to serve with us on our Advisory Committee. Please contact Carole LaPointe or Wanda Seppanen for more information. **CHI MIIGWECHI!**



KBIC Women's Advisory Committee pictured above. Left to right (front) Janice Shalifoe, Sharon Brunk, Wanda Seppanen, (back) Cheryl Bodga, Molly Loonsfoot, Jeanne Kauppila. Missing from photo: Jerri Lynn Duschaine, Ginny Ann Jermac, Carole LaPointe, Liz Julio, and Charlotte Loonsfoot.

Our Deepest Sympathy

Paul Howard Byykkonen

November 16, 1956— June 11, 2009

Paul Howard Byykkonen, age 52, of Pelkie, MI, passed away on Thursday, June 11, 2009, at Baraga County Memorial Hospital. He was born November 16, 1956, in Marquette, MI, son of the late Howard and Stella (Kunick) Byykkonen. Paul grew up in Ishpeming and graduated from Ishpeming High School in 1973. He worked for Tribal Construction and then for the Casino in security; retiring in 2003, due to his disability. Paul was a member of Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, the Ottawa Sportsman Club and enjoyed fishing, hunting, and guns. He was a very caring and friendly guy.

Surviving are his brother James Byykkonen of Baraga, niece Barbie Byykkonen, special friend Lynn Lepola of Pelkie, a special buddy Austin Seppanen, and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

No funeral services were held. The Jacobson Funeral Home of L'Anse assisted the family. Friends may sign Paul's guest book or send condolences at www.jacobsonfuneralhome.com.

2009 ANN MISEGAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2009 Ann Misegon Memorial Scholarship applications. The scholarship amount is \$1,000, twice a year for up to six years and will be awarded to a new student each fall. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled Tribal member
- Attending an accredited college/university
- Enrolled as a full-time student
- Pursuing a degree in a Health Care field
- Resident of Baraga or Marquette County

Eligible students must complete an application, submit an essay detailing their interest in their chosen health field and submit a copy of their official transcripts (high school or college).

For more information and to request an application contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117 or at amy@KBIC-nsn.gov. The application deadline is August 3, 2009, at 4 p.m.

2009 KBIC FORESTRY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2009 KBIC Forestry Scholarship applications. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has a vital interest in the preservation of the land and forests on and near the reservation. The Tribal Council has approved two scholarships for college students pursuing Forestry degrees. The scholarship amount is \$2,500 twice a year for up to four years. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled Tribal member
- Resident of Michigan, Wisconsin or Minnesota
- Attending an accredited college/university in Michigan, Wisconsin, or Minnesota
- Enrolled as a full-time student
- Pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Forestry documented by their college

Eligible students must complete an application, submit an essay detailing their interest in their chosen field and submit a copy of their official transcripts (high school or college).

For more information and to request an application, contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117 or at amy@KBIC-nsn.gov. The application deadline is August 3, 2009 at 4 p.m.

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she goes to the doctor when she needs help deciding what to talk about for a public speech. Which doctor did Cherie go to? Since Cherie has worked for over half of her professional career with children and as a mental health specialist, the doctor Cherie went to see was Dr. Seuss. Cherie spoke about the fundamentals of life with a little help from Dr. Seuss. She focused on three topics: 1) How you treat others. The Golden rule—treat others the way you want to be treated. This is one of the seven teachings about respect. ‘A person is a person, no matter how small.’ (*Horton Hears a Who*, by Dr. Seuss). In the perfect world everyone would be following the golden rule; that’s not true in today’s world. You may ask if other people aren’t doing that, why do I need to do that? You do something because you just know it is the right thing to do. You don’t need any other reason to do so. As you go along in life you start building your network of people. Look around you; you have your network already started. So as you do that and you move forward in life, treat people with respect. These are the people who are going to help you and are going to sustain you through life.” ‘I know, up on top you are seeing great sights, but down on the bottom, we, too should have rights.’ (*Yertle the Turtle*, by Dr. Seuss). How many of you know who the CEO is? The Tribal President is? Who opens the doors of the Tribal Center in the morning? Who locks them at night? Who makes sure the places are cleaned? It takes the whole group; it takes everybody to make a system work, a family, a community, a tribe. No matter where you’re at in the system, we all depend on each other, so treat each other with respect. If you’re Yertle the Turtle, down at the bottom, and some of you may be coming in at an entry level position, what you do is important. Everybody relies on each other. And especially remember that if someday you’re somewhere on the top, and you have people relying on you. If you’re the CEO, if you’re an administrator, remember how you treat your Yertle the Turtle. Say good morning, see how that person’s doing. Because all of these people are part of your network, and you rely on them. What happens if Yertle the Turtle decides to take a hike, it’s Turtle Soup. Care about Yertle. When I meet people and talk with people, I look at not only how they treat the people that are above them, but how they treat the people that are their subordinates, people that rely on them, because that is part of your character. 2) Looking at you. ‘Today you are you! That is truer than true! There is no one alive that is more you-er than you!’ (*Happy Birthday to You*, by Dr. Seuss). Be true to you, you are unique, and we need you. All of you are different, all of you are unique, and all of you are important; it takes all kinds of people to make our communities work. Develop your strengths, become your own person. You’re going to be more impressive being the best you that you can be rather than being a mediocre carbon copy of someone else. Give yourself a chance to move forward in the lead and not just be a follower.” ‘Today was good, today was fun, tomorrow is another one.’ (*One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*, by Dr. Seuss). Be in charge of your attitude. You can decide if you are going to have a positive attitude or a negative attitude. You own your attitude; you are the only one who can do that. Where you focus not only makes a difference to you but it makes a difference to all the people who you are around, it affects everyone. 3) Pursuing your direction in life. ‘You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you chose.’ (*Oh, The Places You’ll Go!* by Dr. Seuss). “Now I tell you new graduates, this is an excellent age to be. You have your whole life ahead of you. You have a whole world of opportunities that

you can explore. So go out there and do it. If you don’t know what you want to do, that is okay. Go out there and discover what you want to do in life. You might not know what you want to do when you grow up, but as long as you move forward you try to find out what your direction is. Do the things that you’re interested in. The opportunities aren’t going to come to you; you are the one who is going to make those opportunities. Start networking with people; the more you get yourself involved in the things that you’re interested in, the more you’re taking the first steps to pursue your goals. Internships are available and are a great way to explore directions. You need to make your own decisions, and you need to decide what’s right for you. If you don’t, ‘You may find ourselves in some punkerish place, like a rusty old clothes hanger hanging in space.’ (*Did I Ever Tell You How Lucky You Are?* by Dr. Seuss). If you start doing something just because someone else is doing it, you might end up doing something you don’t like. It’s not your passion; it’s not your interest. It’s up to you to find that fit. You can run your life, or you can allow your life to run you. ‘These things are fun and fun is good.’ (*One Fish, Two Fish, Red fish, Blue fish*, by Dr. Seuss.) Graduates, remember three things. The first is the Golden Rule, respecting others. The second is to be true to yourself, that’s respecting you. The third is go ahead and pursue your passion with gusto. Go forward and discover where you need to be, but please remember to enjoy the ride and not just the destination.”

At the conclusion of the evening, Lynn Haataja presented the scholarship awards for 2009. The KBIC Education Department offers two \$1000 Scholarships yearly to their graduates. The Baraga scholarship was awarded to Ashton Koski and the L’Anse scholarship was awarded to Janell Bianco. Terri Denomie presented the Dawn Louise Denomie Memorial Scholarship on behalf of Larry Denomie III to Daniel Perrault.

Members of the Keweenaw Bay Education Committee are: Terri Denomie (Chairman), Lynn Haataja (Vice Chairman), William Seppanen (Secretary), Dawn Alexander, Vicki Emery, Charles Loonsfoot Jr., and Robin Roe.



Beverly Lussier, KBIC Cultural Committee member, presents gifts to the graduates.



Ronald Spruce, Vice President of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens, presents gifts to the graduates.



Lynn Haataja presents \$1000 KBIC Education Dept. scholarship to Janell Bianco of L’Anse.



Lynn Haataja presents \$1000 KBIC Education Dept. scholarship to Ashton Koski of Baraga.



Terri Denomie presents Daniel Perrault with the Dawn Louise Denomie Memorial Scholarship.

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The Education Department is pleased to announce the following ten KBIC college graduates for the 2008-09 academic year:

- Danielle Arens, Gogebic Community College, Nursing A.A.
- Leonard Beaudoin, Northern Michigan University, Auto Service Technology A.A.
- Martin Michaelson, Jr., Northern Michigan University, Aviation Technology, A.A.
- Karen Andersen, Northern Michigan University, Psychology B.S.
- Jessica Koski, Michigan Technological University, Social Science, B.S.
- Brigitte LaPointe-Tolonen, Northern Michigan University, Sports Science, B.S.
- Cheryne LaPointe-Tolonen, Northern Michigan University, Health & Fitness Management, B.S.
- Joan LaPointe-Kelto, Central Michigan University, Health, Fitness & Rehabilitation, B.S.
- Dan MacNeil, Northern Michigan University, Political Science, B.S.
- Keith Rolof, Michigan Technological University, Business Administration, B.S.

Congratulations to all of our graduates. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments!

L'Anse-Baraga Community Schools

Tammy Shalifoe is the daughter of Donald Shalifoe, Sr. and Melissa Koepp. Her hobbies are camping, fishing, walking and spending time with family and friends. Tammy plans on working for the summer and then attending Bay de Noc Community College in Escanaba. She is undecided on a major at this time.



Tammy Shalifoe



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L'Anse Seniors

Janell Bianco is the daughter of Jim and Theresa Bianco. While in school, she participated in junior varsity basketball. She was on the Honor Roll every year throughout high school, Student of the Month, and also achieved perfect attendance. She was employed by the KBIC Summer Youth Program and worked at the campground and the Day Camp at OCC. Her hobbies include fishing, hunting, and being outdoors. Janell will be attending Northern Michigan University this fall majoring in Pre-Dental.



Janell Bianco

Daniel Perrault is the son of Kevin and Jayne Perrault. While in high school, he was on the Honor Roll numerous times. He participated in hockey, track, golf and football. He received many awards for football during his high school career. In 2008, he was named to the All-Conference 1st team, the All-U.P. Dream Team and received the Detroit Free Press All-State Honorable Mention. In his career, he had three, 300 rushing yards and 49 touchdowns. He will be playing in the upcoming All-Star game at the Superior Dome. His hobbies include weightlifting, riding dirt bikes, snowboarding, hunting and fishing. Daniel was recruited by Michigan Technological University and will be attending MTU this fall majoring in General Sciences and Arts and playing football for the Huskies.



Daniel Perrault

Ashley Shalifoe is the daughter of Mickey Shalifoe. She has worked for the KBIC Summer Youth Program. Her hobbies are drawing, artwork and being outside. She is a member of the Beartown Firefighters. Ashley plans on attending college to become an animation artist.



Ashley Shalifoe

Brenda Malmgren is the daughter of Kathy White and Neil Malmgren. While in high school, she helped with the greenhouse project. She also tutored students in the special education room. Brenda also did a “job shadow” at the L'Anse Sentinel where she learned all the basics of printing a paper. She has also been employed with the KBIC Summer Youth Program. Her hobbies include taking pictures, reading and listening to music. After graduation, she plans on getting a job and attending college to study photography.



Brenda Malmgren

Baraga Seniors

Jessica Bianco is the daughter of Jerri Lynn Duschaine and Jim Bianco. While in school, she played basketball for nine years from second grade to 10th grade. She has been placed on the Honor Roll many times. She also participated in Rez Runner basketball, took KBIC swimming classes, language and dance classes. She has worked for the tribe's Summer Youth Program for three years. Her hobbies include fishing, hunting, walking, camping and basketball. She will be attending Northern Michigan University this fall majoring in either cosmetology or a pre-dental program.



Jessica Bianco

Amber Geroux is the daughter of George and Mary Geroux. While in high school she was a Varsity Cheerleader for the Baraga Vikings. She also had perfect attendance numerous times. She was involved in putting together the senior slide show for graduation. She also won the 2009 Principal's Award for Student of the Year. Amber enjoys photography and computers in her free time. She plans on attending Gogebic Community College majoring in Graphic Communications.



Amber Geroux



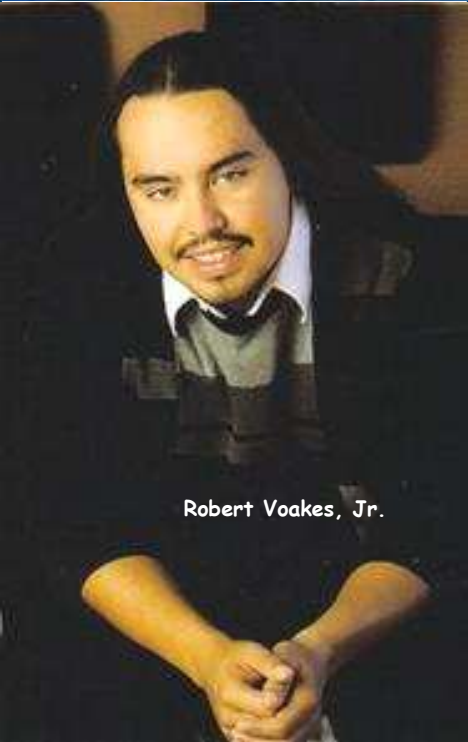
Ashtin Koski

Ashtin Koski is the daughter of Suzanne Kahkonen and Dan Koski. She has been involved in figure skating for many years. She has performed at many ice shows as a member of the L'Anse-Baraga Figure Skating Club. While in school, she was a cheerleader, a member of the yearbook staff and the golf team. She was a runner-up medalist for golf in the Copper Country Conference. Ashtin's interests include skating, golf, being outdoors and spending time with family and friends. She plans to attend Northern Michigan University majoring in Art and Design.

Justine Minton is the daughter of Jeffrey Minton and Juliet Loonsfoot. While in school she was placed on the Honor Roll and achieved perfect attendance many times. She played Rez Runner basketball and is a member of the Beartown Firefighters. She enjoys dancing at powwows, weightlifting, swimming, walking and movies. She plans on moving to the Sault Ste. Marie area, finding employment and attending college.



Justine Minton



Robert Voakes, Jr.

Robert Voakes, Jr. is the son of Valerie and Robert Voakes. While in high school Robert was on the junior varsity basketball team. He also joined the International Club and was able to travel to Italy for a ten day tour. He was in the Drama Club and made his acting debut in the play “Kids Say the Darndest Things.” He was the KBIC Youth Club President for two years and played Rez Runner basketball for six years. Robert also dances at pow-wows and has been the head male youth dancer many times, including at the ITC pow-wow and the Michigan Tech pow-wow. Robert was a police cadet for the KBIC Police Department and is currently a Beartown Firefighter. He enjoys playing basketball, jogging, working out and traveling. His plans after graduation are undecided. He may join the army or seek employment.



31st Annual Keweenaw Bay

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KBIC Ojibwa

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staff member of Representative's Dale Kildee's office. They spoke with her on KBIC's efforts to revitalize language, and the need for increased funding to continue to expand our efforts to save our language.

Larry Denomie presented the CEO Report for May 2009. May 5th-8th, auditors performed review of past and current ICDBG grants acquired by the Community and Ojibwa Housing Authority. The auditors were pleased with our record keeping, and there were no major findings reported.

On May 6th a false fire alarm occurred at the Tribal Center due to a malfunction in the alarm system. On May 7th the Tribal Center was closed in the afternoon due to sewer gas fumes. It was later discovered that a man hole cover was opened on the west side of the building where the fresh air intake is located, and gases were being sucked into the ventilation system. Operations were back to normal the following day.

Work continues with the Tribe's insurance agent to finalize the costs and claim due to the water damage caused by the flood last November at the Health Center. Once the costs are agreed upon, the claim will be paid by our agent. The building will not be repaired at this time due to the upcoming renovation and expansion of the existing facility in the coming months.

Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Language Coordinator, has been working on acquiring historic audio tapes and related equipment that had been used in the Baraga and L'Anse school system's Native Language program over the years. Several Tribal elders were recorded in our Native Language and were used to teach children in the schools. A plan has been developed to transfer the information on the deteriorating audio cards to a digital format for use in the future. The material and equipment will be preserved and added to our historical archives.

On May 13th, CEO Denomie along with numerous staff and Council members attended an informal meeting with the staff of the U.S. Attorney's office of Western District of MI. The meeting was held to provide input on issues our Tribe has with the U.S. Attorney's office, including training needs. The U.S. Attorney's staff has held meetings with other Michigan Tribes as well.

CEO Denomie attended the KBIC Head Start Graduation. The staff of the program did a great job in providing a memorable event for the little ones moving on to the big schools.

The proposed Early Childhood Education Center addition on to the Community Center has received Council support in applying for an additional \$600,000 in funding through the ICDBG program. If granted, along with the \$600,000 we have already been awarded, a total of nearly \$1.3 million dollars would be available for the project. Sarah Smith, Assistant CEO, Terri Denomie, Director of Head Start and Early Head Start Programs, and Lisa Denomie, Pre-primary Director, have worked on revising the project after visiting with the Hannahville Indian School. The project which was originally \$4 million has been revised closer to \$2 million. If KBIC is awarded this additional funding, Council will be approached for the remainder costs. If all goes as planned, the project could be completed and ready for the start up of the 2010 school year.

Paul Stark and staff of Sacred Heart School presented a request to Council for assistance with their underfunded budget for not only this school year but future ones. Other options for assistance includes school counselor services for their students, funding to pay for fencing around the school playground to increase the safety of the children and funding to purchase new energy efficient windows. The average school population is 31% Tribal or descendent children. Council indicated they were interested in helping Sacred Heart School and would look into some ways they could do so

i.e. 2% funding options, and will discuss in more detail at their next donation meeting.

Under New Business, Larry Denomie presented a request for renovation at Even Start. More space is needed to accommodate three, four and five-year-old children, and another room is needed to separate family activities from the class rooms. There is a full basement area that can be used to serve their varied needs throughout the school year. This area has not been utilized as there is no emergency exit. An estimate has been submitted by Tribal Construction in the amount of \$5,502.08 to install a fire exit in the basement. **Motion by William E. Emery to approve the Tribal Construction bid of \$5,502.08 to install a fire exit in the basement at the Even Start building, supported by Toni Minton, nine supported, one opposed (Mayo), 0 abstained, motion carried.** Mayo stated her opposition is due to only one bid being available to consider for costs.

President Swartz brought forth bids for recording equipment. Two bids were available. One from BIS Digital in the amount of \$5,763, a second bid was received from IQM2 that includes a perpetual software fee in the amount of \$17,420.01. Tribal Court currently utilizes the BIS Digital system and they are very happy with it. **Motion by Michael LaFerner, Sr., to purchase the BIS Digital recorder for the amount of \$5,763, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

CEO Denomie requested grievance hearing dates for #012-09 and #013-09. It was the consensus of the Council to allow the CEO to schedule grievance hearings directly with Peggy Minton, Recording Secretary, for these two grievance filings and future ones.

Council passed Department Head Reports for April 2009, and the meeting minutes of March 7, 2009. Council entered into closed session with Attorney John Baker, CEO Larry Denomie, President Swartz (Tribal request KB16-09), and Isabelle Welsh (Tribal request) on the agenda.


Subject: Presidential Appointment

The President's Committee on People with Intellectual Disabilities (PCPID) has seven vacancies to fill on their Committee. So far no Native American has applied for appointment, which is probably due to the fact they aren't aware of this Committee. We'd like to help change that by provide notice of this opportunity.

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 The KBIC Community Health Dept. has received a \$500.00 grant from Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. The purpose for the grant is to work collaboratively between ITC and KBIC to implement a smoke-free grounds policy/ordinance on the campus of the KBIC Department of Health and Human Services. The grant objectives will be completed by September 2009.



Did you know?

Facts about the Ojibwa Senior Meal Program

- **Congregate Meals are available at the Ojibwa Senior Center five days a week for seniors age 55 and up?**
- **Home Delivered Meals (HDM) are available to *qualified persons five days a week? - see criteria below:**

In addition to providing nutrition services to older Indians, a tribal organization may: (1) Provide nutrition services to the spouses of older Indians; (2) Provide nutrition services to non-elderly handicapped or disabled Indians who reside in housing facilities occupied primarily by the elderly, at which congregate nutrition services are provided; (3) Offer a meal, on the same basis as meals are provided to older Indians, to individuals providing volunteer services during meal hours; and (4) Provide a meal to individuals with disabilities who reside in a non-institutional household with and accompany a person eligible for congregate meals under that part.

Criteria for home delivered meals include:

9.2.3.10 TITLE III C:

A. Individuals eligible to receive congregate meals and nutrition support services include:

1. any person age 55 or older and his/her spouse regardless of age; or
2. any handicapped or disabled individuals, who have not attained 55 years of age, but who reside in housing facilities occupied primarily by elderly persons at which congregate nutrition services are provided; or
3. individuals, regardless of age, providing volunteer services during meal hours based on procedures established by each area agency; or
4. individuals with disabilities, regardless of age, who reside at home with or accompany eligible, older individuals, are eligible based on procedures established by each area agency, which allow nutrition providers the option to provide such services.

B. Individuals eligible to receive home delivered meals and nutrition support services include those individuals, age 60 or older, who have been determined to be in need of home delivered meals based on an assessment of need, developed by the state agency and area agencies, which assesses functional ability, adequate support systems and risk.

1. Area agencies must insure that each nutrition program uses written eligibility criteria to assess the need for service. At a minimum, the following criteria must be included:
 - a. an older individual must be homebound, that is unable to leave home due to a disabling physical, emotional or cognitive impairment;
 - b. an older individual must be unable to participate in a congregate meal because of impairment or lack of appropriate transportation;
 - c. an older individual is unable to obtain food and prepare a nutritious meal; and
 - d. an older individual has no family, friends or community support able and willing to assist in meal preparation.
2. Depending on the individual's condition, the eligibility status must be reevaluated on a regular basis, but not less frequently than once every six months; and
3. Priority shall be given to emergency requests, in which home delivered meals are started as soon as possible after the determination of urgent need.

Annual Assessments for eligibility for Congregate or HDMs will be done during July. Please stop by and see Philly Ekdahl to finish your assessment, or ask for one to be delivered with your meal by calling 353-6096.

ATR Program and Outpatient Counseling has moved to Baraga.

New location:

202 US 41 South, Baraga, MI
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Miss Keweenaw Bay Candidates



Jade Evelyn Chaudier
Sixteen-year-old Jade Chaudier was born on October 3, 1992, in Escanaba, MI. She is turtle clan, and her native name is Obowashishbemequay, which means “Warm Sky Woman”. Jade is the daughter of Aimee Emery and Durwyn Chaudier, and she has one sister and one brother. Jade is a fancy shawl dancer and will be entering the 11th grade at Baraga High School next fall. She is involved in basketball, both for the high school and the Tribe. She has also been involved in local youth governments with the Tribe and a member of Student Council at the Baraga High School. Jade volunteers a lot of her time at community events and has been a head dancer at recent powwows. She feels being chosen as KBIC Princess would be an awesome opportunity to represent the Tribe. Jade plans on attending college in Michigan to possibly pursue nursing.



Gabrielle Marie “Mabs” Picciano
Fourteen-year-old Mabs was born on March 26, 1995, in Hancock, MI. A special ceremony is planned early this summer where Mabs will be given her native name. Mabs is the daughter of Kerry Picciano and Tina Messer. She has two brothers and one sister. Mabs is a fancy shawl dancer and will be entering the ninth grade at Baraga High School next fall. She is very active in basketball, track and volleyball. Mabs also volunteers in our Community and would like to continue to do so. She has always looked up to the KBIC Princesses as a little girl and feels she would be just the right role model for other little girls to look up to. Mabs feels being chosen as Miss KBIC would be a great opportunity to show her commitment to her Tribe.

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Savannah Marie Seymour

Thirteen-year-old Savannah was born on March 4, 1996, in Marquette, MI. Her native name is Wish-con. She has three sisters and one brother. Savannah will be attending Marquette High School. She is very active in basketball and softball. Savannah loves spending time with her family and loves attending powwows. She feels she would be a good role model for the youth of our Tribe and be a great representative. Savannah would love the opportunity as Miss KBIC to bring our culture to other places so that other people could see what the native culture is like.

Effective June 2, 2009:

Information/Documents you need to bring for each visit to the KBIC Health Center

- Tribal ID
- Medicaid/UPHP Number
- Insurance Plan Number
- Social Security Number
- Proof of Physical Address (from any regular bill you receive at home)

Services may not be rendered until this information is obtained*

Thank you for your cooperation!

OJIBWEMOWIN

Abita-Niibini Giizis — Midsummer Moon — July

The language page was designed from reference of “A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe” by John D. Nichols and Earl Nyholm.



niimi’idim — powwow
bwaanzzhiwion — dance regalia
ikwe-niimi’idiwin — women’s dance
bimoonjigan — dance bustle
manidoominensikaan—bead work

NEW EMPLOYEES



Three Summer Youth Supervisors on the left (left to right) Cody Blue, Nancy Voakes, and Daniel Giddings, pictured with numerous campground summer youth workers.

Cody Blue — Cody Blue is one of the supervisors down at the campgrounds this summer. Cody states, “I’m happy to be working with the Summer Youth Program for a second year. I have lived and worked on the reservation most of my life and I look forward to having another enjoyable experience working with our Tribal youth.”

Nancy Voakes — Nancy is a Tribal member who is working her fourth summer as a Youth Supervisor. Nancy states, “I am very excited for another summer with the Summer Youth Program. I also work with the KBIC Preprimary program and currently am on a leave of absence which allows me to work with our youth of all ages.”

Daniel Giddings — Dan is a KBIC member who is working his first year as a Summer Youth Supervisor. Dan states, “This is something different than I am used too, but I enjoy working with kids so it will be fine. I am currently enrolled at Northern Michigan University pursuing a bachelor’s in Construction Management.”

The Summer Youth Program is eight weeks duration which employees community youth ages 14-18. Jodene Rasanen is the Director of the Summer Youth Program.



Deidre Kolbus has been hired as the IT Support Technician at the Tribal Center. She was born and raised in Munising, MI, and graduated from Munising High School in 1997. She attended DeVry University in Chicago, IL where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Telecommunication Management.

Deidre states, “I have spent my last four winters in Vail, Colorado, and have always come back for the summers on Lake Superior in Michigan. I was recently married in Las Vegas with 40 other Yoopers present on May 15th. I am very excited to be settled back in the area, living in Houghton, and closer to my entire family in Munising. In my spare time, I love to be outdoors, skiing, fishing, snowmobiling, camping and anything else that involves my dog, Alta. I am thrilled at this opportunity to work here and learn from this community.” (906) 353-6623, ext. 4234.

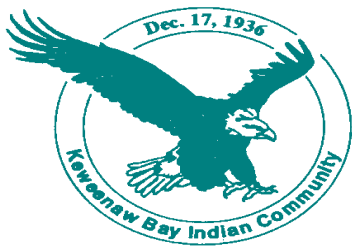


Michelle L. Picciano is the new Clerk/Intake worker for the Community Assistance Program. Michelle was born and raised in Baraga County and has been employed by the KBIC for the past 15 years. Michelle says, “I look forward to working with Debbie Picciano as her Assistant and serving my Tribal community.” Michelle is the daughter of Shirley and Joe Stevens of L’Anse.

WORD SEARCH

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Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority

Mission: To provide affordable and attractive housing opportunities in a safe and healthy environment to qualifying tribal members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, encourage self-improvement of the community's low income families and provide employment opportunities.

Programs and Services provided by the KBOHA:

- Low income rental homes and apartments
 - 158 Homes/apartments in Baraga
 - 50 Homes in Zeba
 - 40 Homes in Marquette/Harvey
- Supportive housing/transitional housing to help address family issues;
- New, custom built, super-insulated homes for homeownership on Beartown Road;
- Home buyer training to prepare members for home ownership;
- Financial literacy training to improve members' financial skills;
- Home maintenance training to improve members' ability to maintain homes;
- Home rehabilitation program to improve the condition of member-owned homes;
- Home emergency assistance program to remedy negative conditions in the home;
- Individual development account program – a 4:1 matched savings program for member goals that include:

- Down payment assistance for home purchase;
- College tuition and expenses for residents;
- Business expansion/start-up expenses;
- Home repair for member-owned homes;
- Credit repair for homeownership;
- Vehicle purchase for work/school.

- Low cost home improvement loan program for qualifying tribal members;
- Low cost tax preparation program for residents and tribal members;
- Surplus FEMA mobile home program for tribal members;
- Stipend program covering mileage and child care expenses for residents attending college;
- Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
- Prescription subsidy program to reimburse tribal elders and disabled households for prescriptions purchased;
- Ojibwa Building Supply Do It Best- providing tribal employment, quality affordable building supplies and profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa Builders construction company- providing tribal employment, quality affordable construction, and profits for housing programs;
- Market rate rentals - five rental properties in Baraga and one in Negaunee- providing profits for housing programs.

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority recently began operating the Ojibwa BP gas station, car wash and laundry. It is another business venture we took on for two main reasons: first, the creation of job opportunities for Tribal members, and second, the creation of additional revenue for housing programs.

In addition to hiring ten Tribal members for the Ojibwa BP, we have 12 more Tribal members working for our construction company, Ojibwa Builders, and six more Tribal members working at our Ojibwa Building Supply. These three businesses have created 28 new jobs for our community that were never there before. That doesn't even include the 14 new jobs created at the Housing Authority over the recent past. We believe this type of job creation for Tribal members is very important and that it is something surely needed in our community.

At the Housing Authority, we see the need for more programs to serve our community. In the recent past, we have used profits from our businesses to fund programs that serve our Indian Community. Some of those programs funded include our Individual development account program.

Tribal members can get money for home repair. They have received money to repair their credit so they can purchase a home. Members have received money to help purchase a vehicle to get to work or school.

We have also funded our Elder and disabled prescription subsidy program, where we reimburse low income elders and disabled Tribal members for their personal expense for their prescriptions. We have already reimbursed over \$25,000 to Tribal participants so far; all from profits from our businesses.

All of these new programs have been taken advantage by many Tribal members. We will continue to work hard at creating new jobs and new programs like these that serve our community. Your support of these businesses benefits our community.

~ Eddy Edwards,
Executive Director

NOTICE

LIHEAP PROGRAM – Funding available to help with your heating or energy bill or for weatherization assistance – income based

LIHEAP INCOME GUIDELINES

Household Size	Annual Gross Income
1	21,660
2	29,140
3	36,620
4	44,100
5	51,580
6	59,060
7	66,540

For families with 7 or more persons, in the home income guidelines are determined by a formula.

Tribal Emergency Funding –

Non- medical assistance: tires, auto repair, limited assistance based on emergency also

Medical travel assistance – Not income based

Please contact the CAP office for at [906] 353-8137 if you have any questions or need an application.



CSBG INCOME GUIDELINES

Household Size	Annual Gross Income
1	21,660
2	29,140
3	36,620
4	44,100
5	51,580
6	59,060
7	66,540

Add \$7,480 for each additional household member.

CSBG PROGRAM – Funding available to assist with emergencies such as: housing, energy, food, prescription, transportation, or non-emergency funding for: GED testing, or limited work activities. Income based - see income guide

Other Programs: BIA General Assistance, Senior and Disabled Supplemental Assistance Program



TEMPORARY POW WOW JOBS

Positions available Friday, July 24 through Sunday, July 26

- Registration Workers (3) (Must be at least 18 and able to pass a security background check.)
- Gate Workers (3) (Must be at least 18 and able to pass a security background check.)
- Van Drivers (3) (Must be at least 18, have a valid Michigan driver's license, good driving record, be able to pass a security background check and drug test.)
- Parking Attendants (9) (Must be able to stand for long periods of time.)

Positions available Thursday, July 23 through Sunday, July 26

- Ground Maintenance Workers (3) (Must have prior maintenance, electrical, plumbing, and sanitation disposal experience and be in good physical shape.)
- Fire Keepers (6) (Must be able to report for work at 4:30 am on Thursday, July 23.)
- Cooks Helpers (3) (Must be able to assist with food preparation and delivery of meals for large groups of people, will require a negative TB result within the past 12 months.)

Positions available Wednesday, July 22 through early Monday morning, July 27

- Security Supervisors (3)
 - Security (14)
- ALL SECURITY APPLICANTS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING:**
- Have a high school diploma or GED.
 - Be at least 18 years old
 - Able to pass a security background check
 - Able to pass a drug test
 - Provide a satisfactory Child Abuse/Neglect Central Registry Clearance from the Michigan Department of Human Services (formerly FIA)
 - Meet the KBIC Child Protection Minimum Standards of Character:
 - Must not have been found guilty of, or entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to, any felonious offense or 2 or more misdemeanor offenses involving (under federal, state or tribal law; violations from other states will be interpreted according to the Michigan Penal Code):
 - Crimes of violence
 - Molestation
 - Contact with or prostitution
 - Offenses committed against children
 - Sexual assault
 - Exploitation
 - Crimes against persons
 - Child abuse or neglect
 - Additionally, Security Supervisor applicants must have prior proven security supervisor and training experience.

Supervisor training and orientation AND Pow Wow Security training will be Wednesday, July 22, 2009 after the employee meeting.

FOR APPLICATIONS CONTACT:

KBIC Personnel Department
16429 Beartown Road
Baraga, Michigan 49908
906-353-6623 x 4140 or 4176
Web site: www.kbic-nsn.gov

Distribution Date: June 15, 2009

CLOSING DATE: WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2009 AT 4:00 P.M.

NOTE: General meeting of Temporary Pow Wow Employees will be on Wednesday, July 22, 2009 at 4:00 pm at the Ojibwa Campground. All individuals chosen for temporary Pow Wow jobs MUST attend this meeting!

Historical Documents Recovered



On June 16th the KBIC re-claimed some very important language documents. About thirty-two years ago several of our elders realized that our people were losing their original language. A language revitalization project was funded through the Title IV Indian Education Act in 1976. Textbooks, slo-scan video and

the Language Master machine with “tape-cards” were developed to teach children in the 4th through 12th grade in L’Anse and Baraga schools. Courses were also offered to adults at the Tribal Center with University credits through Michigan Technological University. Courses in Ojibwa I, II, and III were given by the Ojibwa Community College for 3 credit hours each through Michigan Tech University.

Our tribe is once again in possession of the Bell and Howell “Language Master” as well as all the “tape cards”. These “tape cards” contain the voices of our ancestors speaking their native tongue. Our plan is to turn these “tape cards” into a medium that everyone in our community could use. Following are the listed elders on the “tape cards”:

- Richard Shelifoe

Ted St. Arnold

Fred Shelifoe

Alice Shelifoe

Veronica Rabideaux

Florence Uusitalo

Evelyn Holappa

Sarah Shelifoe

Mino Jondreau

Boise Jondreau

Jim St. Arnold

Isabelle St. Arnold

George Curtis

Isabelle Chosa

Eugene Chosa

Joe Loonsfoot

Amos Pine

Nora Shalifoe
- Marcella Loonsfoot

Pearl Loonsfoot

Betty Brunk

Albert Brunk, Sr.

Clara Swartz

Lizzie Roberts

Liz Peltó

Annie Schofield

Evelyn Onkala

Helen Miller

Hank Miller

Charles Marksman

Ted Chosa

Puck Mayo

Chix Asher

Martha Kunick

Marty White

These names were given taken from documentation from Eleanor Deling Mike. Please accept apology if names are misspelled. Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., KBIC Language Coordinator, will keep the Community up to date on the progress of the digitizing process.

BARAGA COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
FAMILY EVENT/FUNDRAISER — 4th Annual
DENISE MARTH, FAMILY FUN RUN
Walk—Run—Bowl

Saturday, July 11, 2009
9:00 a.m. ‘till Noon

REGISTRATION begins @ 8:30 a.m.
FUN RUN, Walk — begins @ 9:00 a.m.
L’Anse Waterfront Park to the Whirl-i-gig

Bowl-A-Thon and Banquet immediately following
at the Whirl-i-gig, L’Anse

Bring you walking shoes, bike and helmet, skates or
board and bowling ball!

Each volunteer and participant receives a free T-shirt.



Sponsored by the Keweenaw Bay
Tribal Council.

Registration Cost—
Fun Run/Walk — \$5.00
bowling — \$6.00

To participate or become a
sponsor, call Gordette at 353-7898.

Proceeds of this event go to sup-
port the services of the Baraga
County Community Foundation.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

Owner

16429 Beartown Road, Baraga, MI 49908

Address

United States Public Health Service, Indian
Health Service, Rhinelander District Office

Engineer

Separate sealed Bids for the construction of a
water extension along Old Hwy 41 (Mission
Road), in the Village of Baraga, Michigan for the
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Major
components of this work include:

- ~4325 feet of 8-inch D.I. water main.
- ~235 feet of directionally drilled 8-inch PE water main.
- ~50 feet of directionally drilled 1-inch copper water service line.
- ~2598 feet of 1-inch copper water service line.
- ~450 feet of 1-1/4-inch copper water service line.
- ~196 feet of 2-inch copper water service line.
- Six (6) hydrants with gate valves.
- Seven (7) 8-inch main line gate valves.
- One (1) main line pressure reducing valve and vault.
- Corp stops, curb stops with boxes, and wa-
ter meters to serve existing homes.
- Fourteen (14) individual pressure reducing
valves.
- Abandonment of fourteen (14) individual
wells and water systems.

All work will take place in the Keweenaw Bay
Indian Community, Baraga Township, Michigan
and shall be substantially completed by Novem-
ber 1, 2009.

The Bids will be received by Larry J. Denomie
III, CEO, KBIC, at the KBIC Tribal Center, which
is located at 16429 Beartown Road, Baraga,
Michigan 49908, until 11:00 a.m., (Local Time)
July 17, 2009, and then publicly opened and
read aloud at 11:15 a.m. in the KBIC Tribal
Center.

The Bidding Documents may be examined at
the following location: KBIC Tribal Center,
16429 Beartown Road, Baraga, Michigan
49908.

Copies of the Bidding Documents may be ob-
tained at the Issuing Office, the KBIC Tribal
Center, 16429 Beartown Road, Baraga, Michi-
gan 49908 upon payment of \$50.00 for each
set.

NOTICE REGARDING INDIAN PREFERENCE

All employers, contractors and subcontractors
operating within the jurisdiction of the Ke-
weenaw Bay Indian Community are required to
give preference to Indians and Indian organiza-
tions/enterprises in contracting, hiring, promo-
tions, training, and all other aspects of employ-
ment. Employers and contractors must comply
with all rules, regulations, and guidelines of the
Community’s Tribal Employment Rights Ordi-
nance (TERO) which sets forth specific obliga-
tions of the employer regarding Indian prefer-
ence. All employers and contractors shall sign
and submit a compliance plan for approval by
the TERO Director.

For information and compliance assistance:

16429 Bear Town Road
Office of Tribal Employment Rights
Baraga, Michigan 49908
Phone: (906) 353-4167
Fax (906) 353-7540
E-mail: tero@kbic-nsn.gov


Larry Denomie III, CEO, KBIC


Date

July 2009
Calendars Events

July 2 — Ojibwa Seniors Bldg. 11
a.m. blood pressure & glucose
checks.

July 3 — Gov’t Offices closed, July
4th holiday.

July 4 — Happy 4th of July.

July 7 — Ojibwa Seniors attending
MIEA Summer Conference at Bay
Mills.

July 8 — Ojibwa Seniors attending
MIEA Summer Conference at Bay
Mills; 4 p.m. deadline to apply for
powwow jobs.

July 9 — Ojibwa Seniors Bldg. 11
a.m. blood pressure & glucose
checks; Ojibwa Seniors attending
MIEA Summer Conference at Bay
Mills.

July 11 — FAMILY FUN RUN

July 15 — 12:30 p.m. Ojibwa Senior
Regular Monthly Meeting

July 16 — Ojibwa Seniors Bldg. 11
a.m. blood pressure & glucose
checks.

July 23 — Ojibwa Senior Citizen’s
Pasty Sale; Ojibwa Seniors bldg. 11
a.m. blood pressure & glucose
checks.

July 23 — 11 a.m. Powwow
Grounds Blessing & Feast.

July 24 — Powwow

July 25 — Powwow

July 26 — Powwow

July 30 — Ojibwa Seniors Bldg. 11
a.m. blood pressure & glucose
checks.

Events occurring throughout KBIC are
welcome to be listed on the Calendar of
Events. Contact newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov to list your events.
Events are more detailed FYI within the
newsletter. For up-to-day event listings,
visit www.ojibwa.com and click on calen-
dar. For Youth events, see @
www.ojibwa.com, click on youth club, or
contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth
Club, or 353-4644 for the facility atten-
dants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.

GLIFWC celebrations mark 25 years.

Public invited to attend. Events are free
and open to the public.

The Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wild-
life Commission (GLIFWC), represent-
ing eleven Ojibwe tribes, will be cele-
brating twenty-five years of contempo-
rary treaty history during two events this
July. Both events promise to be educa-
tional and entertaining.

❶ Big Top Chautauqua on July 2.

❷ Minwajimo Treaty Symposium
July 28-30.

For more information call
715.682.6619 or visit GLIFWC’s web-
site at www.glifwc.org. Register online.

Larry Denomie,
KBIC member and
CEO for the Ke-
weenaw Bay Indian
Community, entered
the Baraga County
Lake Trout Festival
Half-Marathon and
Pequaming Run/Walk
on June 13, 2009.
Thirty-one participated
in the half-marathon
which began at the
Aura Fire Dept. and
finished at the L’Anse Waterfront Park.
This was Denomie’s first marathon, in
which he placed third in the male age
40-49 category. Pictured is Larry with
his bronze medal.



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